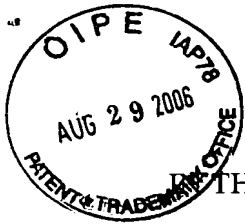


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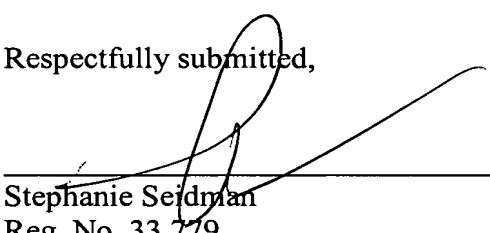
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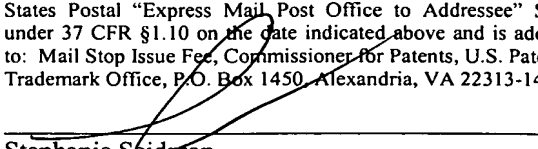
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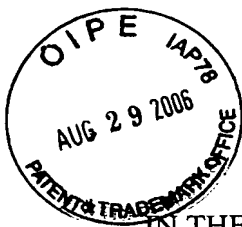
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 8, 2006, and to the Reasons for Allowance set forth in connection with the Notice of Allowance, mailed April 25, 2006, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

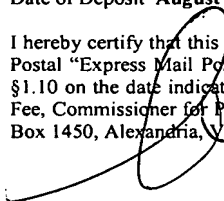
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The Examiner states that "the claims are drawn to methods of targeting activated cells, which allow for more specific than previous cell-targeting methods." Applicant respectfully submits that there are several independent method claims allowed and that the methods target

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immune cells and immune effector cells that can be activated. The methods target cells that express receptors to which chemokine receptor targeting agents or portions thereof bind.

All responses of record are incorporated herein. Briefly, as discussed in the responses of record, targeting such receptors has not been taught or suggested in any art of record. The instant inventors, however, recognized that chemokines play an intimate role in varied diseases, and, as described in the application, provide a large repertoire of molecules that interact with an array of receptors. It is the instant inventors who have identified chemokine receptors as ideal targets for delivery of agents, such as toxins, to cells that participate in an underlying common response. Among the claimed methods are those for inhibiting proliferation, migration or activation of cells involved in such response. The conjugates provided in the application afford a way to treat of any disease in which inappropriate triggering, dysregulation or over-activation of the immune response is involved.

As discussed in the previous responses, claim 29 and dependents are directed to methods for treating pathological conditions by treating the underlying pathology associated with inflammatory responses and secondary tissue damage associated with activation, proliferation and migration of immune effector cells by inhibiting activation, proliferation or migration of immune effector cells. Claim 35 and dependents are directed to a methods of targeting agents to immune effector cells; claim 40 and dependents are directed to a methods of treating secondary tissue damage by inhibiting the proliferation, migration or physiological activity of the secondary tissue damage-promoting cells.; claim 72 and dependents are directed to methods of inhibiting proliferation, migration or activation of immune effector cells; and claim 86 and dependents are directed a methods of treating a disease or disorder associated with an inflammatory response by identifying immune cells that are activated in the disease or disorder and inhibiting proliferation, migration or activation of the immune cells.

None of the art of record, singly or in any combination thereof, teaches or suggests methods that exploit the chemokine system for targeting agents to cells, such as immune cells, including immune effector cells and other cells that can be activated, that express receptors to which chemokine receptor targeting agents or portions thereof interact to deliver the linked agent (or portion thereof) and effect internalization thereof.

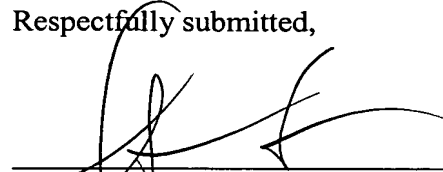
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Entry of the above remarks into the record of the application is respectfully requested.

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